

Resolution No.:	<u>19-490</u>
Introduced:	<u>May 21, 2020</u>
Adopted:	<u>June 9, 2020</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Lead sponsor: County Council

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**SUBJECT:** Special Appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget  
WorkSource Montgomery Non-Departmental Account, Support for COVID-19  
Response – Unemployment Insurance Outreach, \$40,000 (Source of Funds:  
General Fund Reserves)

**Background**

1. Section 308 of the County Charter provides that a special appropriation is an appropriation which states that it is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency, or to act without delay in the public interest. Each special appropriation shall be approved by not less than six Councilmembers. The Council may approve a special appropriation at any time after public notice by news release. Each special appropriation shall specify the source of funds to finance it.
2. A new coronavirus disease, named COVID-19, appeared in China in December 2019 and spread extremely quickly. On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the disease a pandemic. The April 11, 2020 situation report from the World Health Organization stated that the number of confirmed cases worldwide has exceeded 1.6 million, (approximately 1.5 million more than 1 month earlier). As of April 24, 2020, there were 3,227 cases and 121 deaths in Montgomery County.
3. To slow the spread of the disease, Governor Hogan declared a State of Emergency and has issued several Executive Orders with actions that include, but are not limited to, closing schools; prohibiting activities by non-essential businesses that restrict traditional on-site operations; closing senior centers and adult medical day care programs; limiting the number of people that can gather; and closing all gyms, movie theaters, and bars and restaurants (excluding carryout and delivery service).
4. The County is experiencing a record number of residents apply for unemployment since the start of the Governor's orders due to the restrictions on business activity to prevent the spread of the disease.

5. The United States Congress enacted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act which expanded eligibility and benefits for residents unemployed during the health crisis.
6. WorkSource Montgomery, in partnership with the State, County, and other non-profit partners, is preparing an outreach campaign to ensure all County residents are aware of the unemployment eligibility and benefits available through the Maryland Department of Labor.
7. A FY20 Operating Budget special appropriation is requested for the WorkSource Montgomery Non-Departmental Account:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	General Fund Undesignated Reserve

8. This special appropriation is needed so that WorkSource Montgomery can implement its unemployment outreach campaign.
9. Notice of public hearing was given and a public hearing was held.

### **Action**

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

A special appropriation to the FY20 Operating Budget for the WorkSource Montgomery Non-Departmental Account:

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This appropriation is needed to act without delay in the public interest.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

  
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 Clerk of the Council